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January 6, 2003

Mr. Ed Rogers Wright Garff Resources, LLC 1675 North Beck Street Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Re: Status of Permit Review, Wright Garff Resources, LLC, Brown's Canyon Quarry, M/043/025,

Summit County, Utah

Dear Mr. Rogers:

On October 30, 2002, you submitted a Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations at your proposed Brown's Canyon Quarry. The location of this quarry is the existing Peoa Blonde Quarry operated by Star Stone Quarries, Inc. (Lon Thomas, President). In discussions with the Division, you indicated that Mr. Thomas's lease of your mineral estate for this quarry had been terminated. The purpose of your filing a Notice was to allow Wright Garff Resources (or a designated contractor) to continue mining operations at this site. You informed us that litigation has been filed to determine the validity of the mineral ownership and lease with Mr. Thomas.

To date, the Division has not completed a review of your notice. During our January 3, 2002 phone call, you indicated that a court date has been set for mid-February, 2003 to hear this matter. As we agreed, the Division will wait until you notify us of the final judgment before we continue processing your notice. Should you prevail in court, Mr. Thomas would no longer have a legal right to continue his operations at the Brown's Canyon Quarry. Star Stone Quarries, Inc. would probably be required to reclaim the mine site disturbances, or transfer the permit to another operator.

With a court date approximately six weeks away, waiting for a court decision could save both of us substantial time in permitting the quarry under your control. I suggested that Wright Garff Resources may want to pursue a permit transfer of the existing permit, rather than process a new permit application which would be a more time consuming process. Please notify us when the litigation is resolved so that we can help you determine the best course of action. As always, should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please don't hesitate to give me a call at 538-5310.

Sincerely,

Vynn Kunzler

Senior Reclamation Specialist

